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Aloha,

I, Marcus Marchesseault, a natural-born citizen of the United States of America and a resident in the State of Hawaii would like to voice my opinion in the important matter of the anti-trust suit againsts Microsoft. I believe that the monopoly has gone on far too long and great damage has been done to our economy. The stranglehold that Microsoft has on the market inhibits the ability of competitors to create new and innovative products. Microsoft's blatant violation of anti-trust law by restricting the ability of competing software companies to effectively use it's operating system are numerous and I am dismayed why nothing has been done to stop them.

With help from IBM, Microsoft gained a dominance in the market with their operating system even though there were several better systems available. Most of the competitors are now gone (Atari, Commodore, and Apple) and there is no way for anybody to break into the market unless Microsoft gives them permission to use their operating system. There is no company that has the financial resources and market position to compete against Microsoft and this situation should have been prevented. The company should have been separated into Operating Systems and Applications divisions several years ago. The fact that the world has settled upon one operating system for all it's needs arose from an early benefit of standardization in programming. Now, Microsoft uses that monopoly to give it's own applications dominance over any other company. If this situation is allowed to persist, there will soon be only one software company in operation and all of the operation of U.S. corporations will depend on the whims of Microsoft. Microsoft has gradually taken over all of the significant applications markets and it is only a matter of time before they are able to disallow other companies from creating any new products for Windows operating platforms.

I thought that I should explain why I say that Apple corporation is no longer a Microsoft competitor. Microsoft bailed out Apple in an attempt to keep them alive long enough for the Justice Department to think that there is some sort of competition in the market. This simply is not true. There is only ONE player in the personal computer applications market and that is Microsoft. Apple is simply a puppet that is allowed to exist long enough for Microsoft to get out of

trouble. Now that they are not going to be significantly punished, all remaining competitors will be flushed from the market.

I hope that a serious resolution can be implemented.

Mahalo,

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